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8th District open for business after hurricane halt

BY CPL. C. ALEX HERRON
8th Marine Corps District

Five months after being displaced from New Orleans by a hurricane, the Marines and civilians of the 8th Marine Corps District finally received the command “hoist the colors,” formally re-establishing the headquarters in Fort Worth.

The district personnel evacuated New Orleans on August 27, 2005 just before Hurricane Katrina made landfall and thrashed the Gulf Coast.

“I’m most thankful for the divine providence that let the 8th Marine Corps District families get out of Katrina’s wake and allow everyone to arrive in the Dallas/Fort Worth safely,” said 8th MCD commanding officer, Col. Carl Huenefeld, addressing a mixed crowd of military and civilian dignitaries at the re-establishment ceremony held January 27.

Since the evacuation, the unit has been operational, working out of a Dallas hotel and local recruiting stations. Plans to move the unit to the Dallas/Fort Worth area were slated for 2007, but hastened with the one-two punch of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

In further remarks, Huenefeld expressed appreciation to everyone from the Commandant of the Marine Corps to the staff at the Western Recruiting Region for allowing and assisting their move to the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

“From the hotel that took care of our families, made pets welcome – especially those first few critical weeks - to the federal, state and local community who provided relief to our people when they needed it,” said Huenefeld.

The re-establishment ceremony, which included morning colors, a ribbon cutting

and a tour of the facility marks the first time the unit has operated under one roof since the hurricane.

“It’s been a long time coming,” said Sharon Browne, a representative with the Dallas/Fort Worth Marine Corps families, a support group for Marine Corps families in the area. “From what I can tell, this is the most logical place for the district to be.”

Throughout the entire moving evolution, the district Marines have accomplished the mission and through their work, have shown what sets Marines apart, said Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., and Western Recruiting Region.

“You have evidence of demonstrating what Marines do in every clime and place, despite the adversity and circumstance,” said Paxton. “You press on and make the mission happen. This (new headquarters) gives you the opportunity to continue what you’ve done for so long which is setting the bar higher and keeping the pace faster.”

Paxton went on to explain that the district has long had the reputation of leading the way in supplying quality and quantity while making the recruiting mission happen. He also lauded the teamwork and focus on the extended Marine family welfare.

“We owe a thank you to all those leaders in the 8th Marine Corps District who kept the family together, kept the teamwork and the spirit there,” Paxton said. “They took an adverse set of circumstances and turned it into a great success. You weathered the storm. I salute you for your great efforts, making it happen by working long and hard.”



Members of the 8th Marine Corps District, led by Col. Carl F. Huenefeld (foreground) observe the Marines’ Hymn. Sgt. Virgil P. Richardson/8th District



Pvt. Josiah Gulke from Marysville, Wash., was one of the first new recruits from Platoon 2070 to get his head shaved by barber Frank Sardina here. Recruits get their heads shaved in training to ensure cleanliness. See story, pg. 4. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron

Medal of Honor recipients commended at Balboa

BY STAFF SGT. JEFF JANOWIEC
Press chief

Six Medal of Honor recipients gathered together at the Naval Medical Center San Diego Jan. 24, as TriWest Healthcare Alliance unveiled a traveling photographic exhibit to honor recipients of the medal.

The Visions of Valor gallery is being presented across the United States to educate American citizens of the heroic acts during combat that resulted in the nation’s highest honor for valor under fire.

“We’re meeting here today to be reminded of freedom,” said Duncan Hunter, 52nd district representative of California.

Freedom was portrayed well with the six Medal of Honor recipients in attendance who, as Hunter pointed out, made a great representation of the 619,000 heroes who have died in wars fought by America since the Civil War.

Among the recipients present were guest speakers Jay Vargas and Robert Morzejewski. Both served in the Marine Corps, were stationed at the depot during

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Band spends week fine-tuning gunplay

BY SGT. ASHLEY UNFRIED
Chevron Staff

Marine Band San Diego completed Ground Security Force training Jan. 23-27 at Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Depot Marines must attend this five-day weapons and nuclear, biological and chemical training exercise for GSF duties.

Once successfully trained, they are then used for vehicle inspections or crowd control when the depot is opened to civilians for events such as Family Day on Thursdays and the annual Rock 'n' Roll Marathon.

In recent years, the band has only done annual related training such as rifle qualification and the Basic Skills Test.

This training is important for all units, according Staff Sgt. Mark Reheard, a trumpet player with Marine Band San Diego.

"It helps to motivate the unit," said Reheard about the training.

The week of classes concluded with shotgun training, pistol qualification, indoor simulated marksmanship training on the M-240G medium machine gun, vehicle inspection training and suspect control training.

Staff Sgt. Brian Fernandez, military police training chief, presented classes on suspect control. Marines received scenarios and learned how to apprehend a suspect and how to apply non-lethal maneuvers.

"They don't regularly get this training," said Fernandez.

"The coolest was watching everybody inflict pain (on each other) and still enjoy it," said Staff Sgt. Charles Harbison, a bass player with the band.

The main focus of the training was weapons handling.

"Hands-on with the weapons is vital," said Sgt. Hugh Wurts, a trumpet player with the band.

Though they weren't able to fire

an actual M-240G, the Marines went through drills in the ISMT. For most Marines, this was the first time handling a crew-served weapon since Marine Combat Training.

Timid at first, the Marines quickly retained and applied the fundamentals for all weapons they used, according to Sgt. Matthew Maruster, combat readiness training instructor, Headquarters and Service Bn.

"They surprised me," said Maruster.

The band was also the first group to train using the new GSF training package. The most noticeable change is the omission of oleoresin capsicum, or OC, spray and the gas chamber.

The Marines assigned to riot control will receive this training for crowd control when the depot hosts the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon.

The GSF-trained Marines can be seen on duty on Thursdays and Fridays as well as anytime the depot opens its gates to civilian events.

Tax center now open for free return filing

BY PVT. CHARLIE CHAVEZ
Chevron staff

Legal assistance Marines opened the Legal Assistance Office with a ribbon cutting ceremony Jan. 23.

It is now open to active duty, active reservists, retirees and all dependents for free tax preparation, filing and advice Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The tax center is significant because of its cost savings to military personnel and their families.

The staff at the tax center is prepared to serve customers and to help them understand the often complicated tax process better, said Chief Warrant Officer Jay D. Boulware, deputy tax officer.

The depot tax center was credited for saving money during the 2004 tax season.

"Last year we saved families and the government close to a million dollars," said Boulware.

Customers are required to bring social security cards, photo identification cards, W-2s, 1098 and 1099 forms, account information and routing numbers, childcare tax identification, interest and bank statements and tuition statements.

Personnel at the legal office have minimized the wait time for the return of the refunds to help families.

"The turn around for a tax return is only seven or 10 days, and we have quality members working here," said Capt. Craig W. Clark, tax officer-in-charge.

For more information, call the Legal Assistance Office at (619) 524-4110 or (619) 524-4111.

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their careers and retired as colonels.

Modrzejewski summed up the day when he said, "Men and women were called; we went and answered that call."

Before the ceremony kicked off near the quarterdeck of the hospital, the recipients were afforded the opportunity to meet with Marines recently wounded in combat and recovering at the hospital, for lunch.

"I think the connection between Medal of Honor recipients and those wounded here at Balboa is found in one word: Duty," said Hunter. "Duty to country and fulfilling that duty in citizenry. We live in a society that is self-indulgent, and it's important to inspire others."

Inspiration of selflessness and regard for fellow human beings masked the walls throughout the quarterdeck of the hospital, where the Visions of Valor exhibit was displayed. Medal of Honor recipients' photos, citations and quotes filled the room creating a shrine of silent respect, which left an impression of patriotism and the ultimate recognition of heroism in America.

1st Recruit Training Battalion CHANGE OF COMMAND

Lt. Col. Benjamin S. Blankenship relinquished his command to Lt. Col. Brian D. Kerl at Shepard Memorial Drill Field during a 2 p.m. ceremony Jan. 13.

At Kerl's last assignment, he served as Recruit Training Regiment's operations officer. His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars in lieu of third award, Bronze Star Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Blankenship, selected for colonel, currently serves on the Recruit Training Regiment staff while he awaits promotion and reassignment. His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one gold star in lieu of second award, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with one gold star in lieu of second award, the Joint Service Achievement Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.



Top, Lt. Col. Brian D. Kerl. Bottom, Lt. Col. Benjamin S. Blankenship.

William E. Barber, a retired colonel in the Marine Corps and a Medal of Honor recipient, is one of many who left an impression on the walls of valor in the exhibit. He was awarded the medal for his actions in the battle for Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War. He died April 19, 2002.

His quote chosen for the traveling exhibit encapsulated well the Visions of Valor's mission to educate and inspire. Barber said, "I have been honored to serve my country and to be a part of the great things America has done for other nations whose people yearn for the freedom we take for granted."

Other Medal of Honor recipients present at the unveiling included Navy Lt. John Finn, who was the guest of honor; Army Staff Sgt. Walter Ehlers; Army Capt. Lewis Millett; Army Chief Warrant Officer Fred Ferguson, and Air Force Col. Leo Thorsness.

The exhibit is scheduled to stay at the hospital until March 10. For more information on Medal of Honor recipients, log on to www.cmohs.org.

BRIEFS

Super Bowl party

Marine Corps Community Services presents the 2006 Commanding General's Troop Appreciation Super Bowl Party Sunday at the Locker Room sports bar here.

Doors open at 11 a.m., and free finger food and prizes are available.

For more information, call the Locker Room at (619) 524-4446.

Auto Hobby class

The depot Auto Skills Center will hold a transmission class Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The class is free of charge, and all depot personnel, military and civilian, are invited.

For more information, call the Auto Skills Center at (619) 524-5240.

National Prayer Breakfast

Recruit Training Regiment will host this year's National Prayer Breakfast at the depot. Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, is scheduled to be the guest speaker.

The prayer breakfast will be held at Duncan Hall from 7 to 8:30 a.m., Feb. 17. For more information, call the 2nd Recruit Training Battalion chaplain's office at (619) 524-5640.

Horseshoes tourney

Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit division will host the Commanding General's Cup Horseshoes Tournament Feb. 22 at the depot boat house. There will be a coaches' meeting Feb. 13, in the Phillips Hall athletics office. The event is open to all depot active duty personnel and Department of Defense employees.

For more information, call Rachel Dickinson at (619) 524-0548.

Military testing

The Recruit Administration Branch offers the Defense Language Proficiency Test, Defense Language Aptitude Battery, and Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery tests every Friday at 8 a.m. Call (619) 524-6123 or (619) 524-1993 to schedule an appointment.

Valentine's brunch

The Bayview Restaurant is scheduled to host a St. Valentine's Champagne Brunch on Feb. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The price per person will be \$19.95. For reservations, call (619) 725-6356.

Dinner dance

The Bayview Restaurant is scheduled to have a Friday Night Dinner Dance every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month through March 24. The bands performing include, The Credit Union Band, The Vidals, and Silvia and Salvatore.

Prices are \$19.95 per person. For more information and reservations, call (619) 725-6356.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Black Marines helped shape Corps' future

BY JOANNA M. McDONALD
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As you walk the galleries at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Command Museum, you will note a display honoring the Montford Point Marines.

This February as we celebrate Black History Month, we remember the sacrifices and dedication they have given to our country. African Americans have been fighting for America since the Revolutionary War. In fact, Crispus Attucks was the first man to give his life for our country's freedom when he was shot and killed in what became known as the Boston Massacre. At least two black men are recorded as serving with Marines in the Revolutionary War.

The first black Marine units were activated in 1942 during World War II – the 51st and 52nd Composite Defense Battalions, which consisted of 1,085 men stationed at Montford Point, N.C., near Camp Lejeune.

During WWII, 19,168 black Marines enlisted in the Corps, and they served in two defense battalions – the 51st and 52nd. During the landing on Saipan, Pvt. Kenneth J. Tibbs of Columbia, Ohio, and Pfc. Leroy Seals of Brooklyn, N.Y., were mortally wounded during this assault. They were the first African Americans to give their lives in the war. They were involved in major battles such as Guam, Peleliu, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. African American heroism did not go unrecognized during WWII. Pfc. Luther Woodward earned the Silver Star on Guam. Overall, nine black Marines were killed in action or died of wounds in WWII and 78 more were wounded.

On July 26, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed Executive Order No. 9981, which put an end to segregation in the armed services. Six months later, Sept. 9, 1949, Montford Point Camp was deactivated and the 242 enlisted men and officers stationed there were transferred to Camp Lejeune, N.C. Approximately 20,000 men were trained at Montford Point; the men trained there would forever be known as Montford Point Marines.

When the Korean War began in 1950, 1,502 black Marines were on active duty. The first African American to command a Marine infantry battalion was Lt. Col. Hurdle L. Maxwell. He enlisted during the Korean War. After three years at Indiana State Teachers College, he was commissioned as a reserve second lieutenant in 1953. After The Basic School at Quantico, Va., he became a regular officer. He commanded 3rd and 1st Tank Battalions in Japan and Korea. He also had several staff and command assignments. In January 1969, Maxwell was promoted to lieutenant colonel and led the 1st Infantry Battalion, 6th Marines. He retired in 1971 after 29 years of service.

During the Vietnam War, one of the first black recruits was Edgar R. Huff from Gadsen, Ala. Huff served in the Marine Corps for 30 years and became a sergeant major.

When asked why he joined the Corps, Huff replied, "I wanted to be a Marine because I had always heard that the Marine Corps was the toughest outfit going, and I felt that I was the toughest going."

He served two tours in Vietnam as a sergeant major. During his tour in January 1968, he was severely wounded while he was rescuing a radio-man. Huff received the Bronze Star for this action and two Purple Hearts.

The senior black officer in Vietnam was Lt. Col. Frank E. Peterson Jr., from Topeka, Kan. He had received a Distinguished Flying Cross in Korea. In May 1968, he became commanding officer of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314. He flew 280 combat missions. During one of his missions, he was shot down and rescued. He earned the Legion of Merit for his service. Lt. Col. Peterson's career was very significant for black Marines. In 1979, he earned the rank of brigadier general. By 1983, he had risen to the rank of major general, and in June 1986, he was promoted to lieutenant general.

During the Vietnam War, five black Marines gave the ultimate sacrifice and received the Medal of Honor posthumously. Their names are Pfc. James Anderson, Pfc. Oscar P. Austin, Pfc. Ralph Johnson, Pfc. Robert H. Jenkins and Sgt. Rodney M. Davis.

One African American who did not receive the medal but is possibly the youngest American Vietnam hero was Dan Bullock from Brooklyn, N.Y. Bullock changed his birth certificate to read that he was eighteen years old so he could enlist in the Corps. His youngest sister believed her brother went into the Marine Corps to help pay for her future education. Late in the war, Bullock was standing guard at a combat base in Quang Nam Province when he was shot several times in the body by small arms fire. Dan Bullock was sixteen.

Near the end of the war, Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Robert E. Cushman Jr. wrote the Marine Corps policy which stated in part, " ... We regard our effort in the area of human relations as so vital first, because equal opportunity is morally right, and second, because human relations are directly related to combat readiness ... Our mission demands trust and confidence among individual Marines ... We have set our course, and it is a good one. We will not renege on it."

By 1981, black Marines made up four percent of the Marine Corps. In addition, Maj. Gen. Charles F. Bolden, a retired Vietnam veteran, was selected as the first black astronaut. His first space mission was on the space shuttle Columbia.

Black women have also been recognized for their leadership. In January 1998, Gilda A. Jackson became the first black woman to earn the rank of colonel.

Today thousands of black Marines, men and women, serve as role models for all Marines.

"McDonald is the education specialist at James L. Day Hall, the depot's command museum.

Road warrior princess: Bad drivers beware

BY SGT. ASHLEY UNFRIED
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Do you ever feel like you get stuck behind every terrible driver in the United States? That's how I feel every time I get behind the wheel.

I detest those who insist on rolling by accident scenes to see what happened. I loathe those who drive just a hair under the speed limit in the far left lane, and I despise those who aren't properly fitted to their vehicles.

In my early days of driving, I felt my irritation was only related to out-of-state license plates. Being from colorful Colorado, I detested those "California people" whenever it snowed. They inevitably were the ones in the ditch while the rest of us Colorado folk were cruising by at reasonable snow speeds. And lest we forget "them Texas people." They have no regard for who is on the road. They have someplace to be in their Texas vehicle, and you better clear the path. They themselves think they are courteous. Guess they lose it when they drive out of the great Republic of Texas.

I come from a small town where you see your neighbor's cows far more than you see your neighbor. It's easy, peaceful living. Out there, running errands involves jumping on I-70 and driving roughly 45 minutes to Aurora. For those of you from rural America, I'm referring to "going into town." It was on those occasions I was allowed to hop behind the wheel and experiment with, I mean, experience the open road.

A road warrior by nature, my confidence was built passing the big rigs at 75 mph, 80 when my aunt wasn't looking, and merging for traffic entering the highway. Clarification for the Texans: Merging occurs when you change from your lane to the lane on your left, no, your immediate left, to make way for another vehicle entering the road.

Once the gauntlet of the semi tractor-trailers was complete, I was onto typical city driving. It was at this point my aunt would resume breathing.

Once a full-fledged, Colorado-license-bearing road princess, I was unstoppable. My degree completion year included my first real road trip - a Spring Break trip to Nebraska. I never knew such pain as that of being behind a wheel for eight hours.

In the Corps, I drove 3,000 miles from Virginia to sunny San Diego. Arriving safely at the reasonable hour of 2 a.m., I experienced something new, a mature woman using an obscene gesture as an indicator that I was going too slow. In my defense, I was going 70 mph in a 65 zone. Who knew that speed limits were just a suggestion?

Since my induction into the Wide World of Sport Driving – California Highway edition, I have learned how to smile and wave in my rear view mirror when the driver behind me thinks I did something wrong, how to travel a stretch of highway at idle speed due to an accident three counties over and how to coast down a highway on-ramp while applying mascara.

On-ramps are used as an acceleration lane. In theory, a vehicle should be close to highway speed when entering the highway. At this point, you should be at a safe speed to merge. I have yet to see many execute this procedure properly. Don't give up though. Keep practicing.

I must concede, I am the driver you see flying by you on the highway. I understand my vehicle and the road. I can maneuver my vehicle through traffic without taking my foot off the gas pedal. I am the driver who waves another motorist into my lane, or flashes my lights to a big rig letting them know they are safe to merge. On a side note, my record reflects my lead foot, and I have attended every traffic class the Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles has to offer.

That being said, I am the road warrior looking out for other road warriors. I can figure out where all the cops hide. With three quick flashes of my headlights, I warn my fellow highway travelers when I've spotted the "cherries and blueberries" of the highway patrol.

My advice to those of you who have fallen into any categories listed throughout: know and love your inner road warrior. Have a plan on the highway. Watch the signs and change lanes before your exit is a half-mile away. Don't analyze the poor fellow who has a flat tire, he's okay. Don't drive in the left lane unless you're going to be on the highway for more than five miles. And please, get out of my way.



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New recruits receive intense welcome, lose hair in first night here

BY PVT. CHARLIE CHAVEZ
Chevron staff

One hundred recruits anxiously stood in four lines waiting for the arrival of 20 others before receiving passage to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego to begin their training.

The new recruits began their journey at the San Diego International Airport at Lindberg Field in the United Services Organization, where they waited for a bus to boot camp.

Upon arrival at the yellow footprints, drill instructors rushed the recruits off the buses and lined them up for briefing on proper etiquette during recruit training and important articles of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

“Most of the recruits are pretty locked on to what they need to do by their recruiters,” said Gunnery Sgt. Timothy G. Walker, chief drill instructor, night operations. “But they always have stuff they’re not supposed to. That’s why they are searched.”

After a motivating introduction at the yellow footprints, the recruits rushed into Martini Hall, where drill instructors searched for contraband such as cell phones and non-religious jewelry or books.

The contraband search took about 45 minutes, and it ensured that all prohibited items were either discarded or put into envelopes with the recruits’ name on them, according to Walker.

Many of the recruits’ deepest fears and concerns became a reality by the actions of the surly drill instructors.

“The recruiter who put me in said it was going to be tough and to do exactly what is told,” said John M. Williams from Chicago as he stopped after sprinting down the hall.

“He also said running would be a really big part, especially for heavy-set people,” said Williams.

Recruits began to feel the mixed emotions of excitement, confusion and nervousness from the adrenaline-filled voices of the drill instructors.

“I’m really nervous,” said new recruit John R. Hicks as he stood directing recruits to their next stop. “I can only think that it is going to get a little bit harder a little bit later, but I hope I’m ready.”

The recruits continued the evening by getting dressed into combat utility bottoms and military issued clothing. They stayed awake, fighting off fatigue, throughout the night as they checked in through the Recruit Administration Branch.

“The Marine Corps is the best, so the intense training is only making me realize my good choice,” said recruit Jacob L. Meyers.

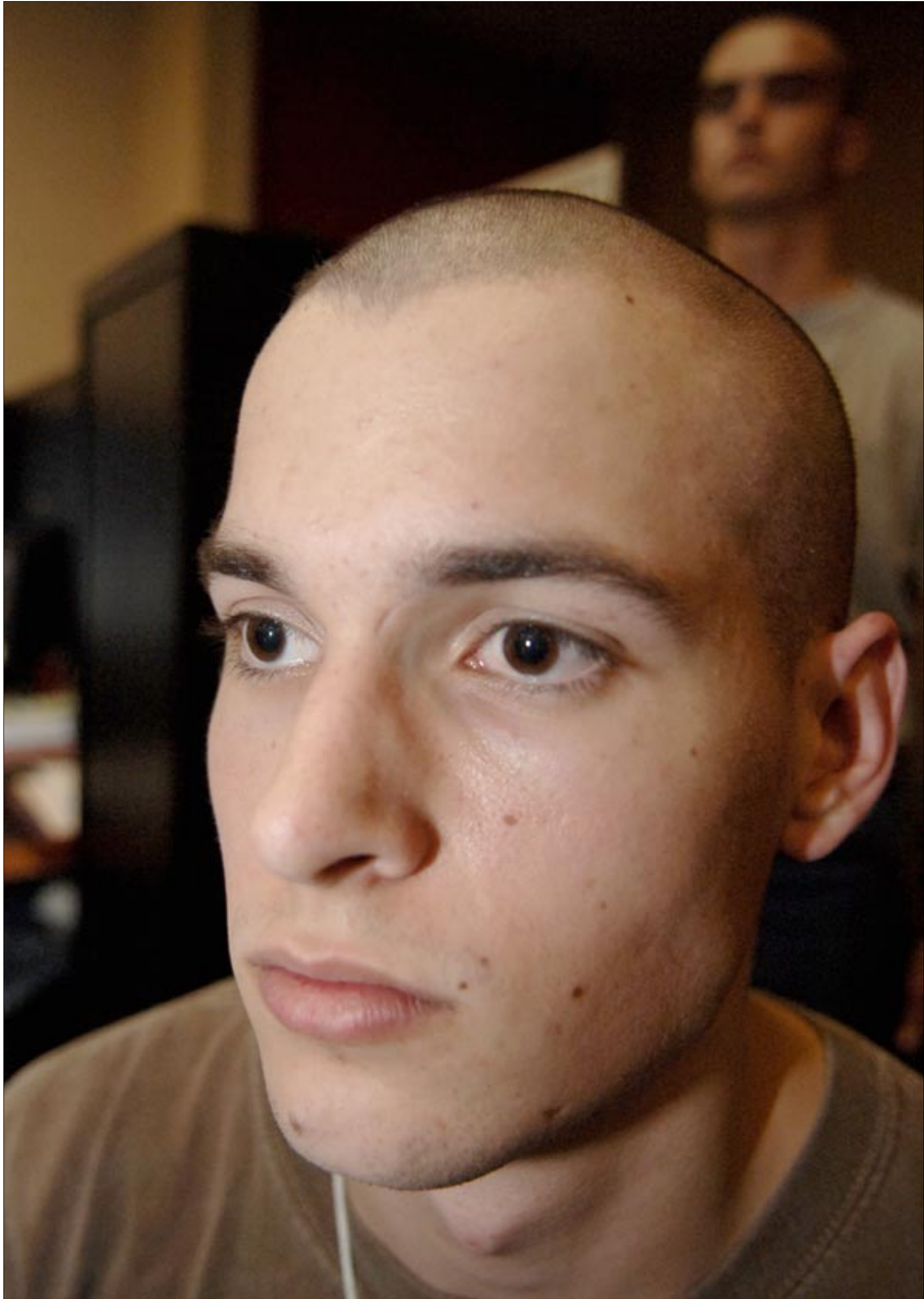
The next few days of recruit training were reserved for medical, dental and administrative processing until the infamous first Friday – when recruits meet their company drill instructors, and the real training begins.



Pvt. Josiah Gulke anticipates a hair cut from barber Frank Sardina.
Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron



While recruits wait for hair cuts, those who have already received one wait for their uniform issue. *Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron*



After a fresh hair cut, Pvt. Josiah Gulke now looks like the other recruits who joined with him. *Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron*



New recruits account for their newly-issued items at Martini Hall. Pvt. Charlie Chavez/
Chevron



During the bus ride from San Diego International Airport, recruits are ordered to put their heads in their laps. Pvt. Louis A. Freitas had problems following the order. *Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron*



Drill instructor Gunnery Sgt. Timothy Walker walks the aisles after new recruits emptied out their pockets. *Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron*



Staff Sgt. Jason Spears receives recruits, fresh from the United Services Organization, off the bus in an orderly fashion. *Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron*

MISSION INCOMPLETE

Infantryman’s death inspires new Marine’s enlistment

BY LANCE CPL. KAITLYN M. SCARBORO
Chevron staff

During his work lunch break, Pfc. Jonathan D. Hale, Platoon 3054, Company K, visited the grave of his high school friend, the day after the funeral.

Hale didn’t know Cpl. Taylor S. Trovillion joined the Marine Corps until he received a late-night phone call saying he had just missed the funeral.

“I went to his grave and kind of just sat there. The next day I went to the recruiter’s office,” said the Richardson, Texas, native.

Trovillion was killed on deployment when the vehicle he was traveling in drove over an improvised explosive device, according to Hale.

“I sat in shock and disbelief for quite a while. At that point I realized that life isn’t all about money and having the nicest stuff. It’s about the things money can’t buy. Things like good times with friends – the memories, standing up for what you believe in, helping others and making a difference in the world,” said Hale.

Hale told himself not to be irrational and to make sure enlisting was the right decision for him. He thought of joining the Marine Corps earlier in his life, but he was offered his dream job at SBC Internet Systems the day before he was scheduled to sign his enlistment contract. Hale postponed his enlistment to follow in his mother’s footsteps working at SBC.

When Hale’s mother, Lynn A. Hale, found out her son had enlisted to fulfill his friend’s enlistment, she was confused.

“Initially, it was a shock. We talked about it, and I asked him why,” said Lynn. “He said, ‘I get to join because I want to, not because I have to.’

“He felt that this is a great country and that everyone should have the opportunity to fight for their country. I think it’s scary, but I’m extremely proud of him. It shows me he’s a great person,” she said.

Later, through the company’s downsizing, Hale was let go from SBC. He applied to and was hired by Nortel, selling communications towers, postponing his enlistment plans further.

“The work-to-money ratio was unbelievable. It was a very, very nice job,” said Hale.

The loss of his friend on June 15 made Hale reconsider his decision to enlist, and on Independence Day, Hale finalized his enlistment decision.

“I felt I needed to pick up where he left off. I wanted to be his direct replacement,” said Hale. “I went from telling people what to do, to me being told what to do, in



Pfc. Jonathan D. Hale, Platoon 3054, Company K, uses his previous job experience to help him as the platoon scribe.
Lance Cpl. Kaitlyn M. Scarboro/Chevron

not the nicest way,” said Hale.

The memory is vivid for Hale. He recalls when the two boys ran into each other while skating, and Hale was knocked over by Trovillion. Despite Hale’s angry comments, Trovillion continued to help Hale up, apologizing and explaining that he was only trying to help, according to Hale.

“Me and my friends would always play roller hockey. He wasn’t the kind of guy who liked to play roller hockey. One day, he showed up in skates and wanted to play,” said Hale.

Their friendship continued, and soon the boys played hockey together often.

“We just played roller hockey together, sometimes 12, 13, 14 hours at a time,” said Hale.

Hale’s father, U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Stanley Hale, a former Marine, deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, and he won’t be at his son’s graduation.

“I’m happy he’s found a place where he feels like he

RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

‘I felt I needed to pick up where he left off. I wanted to be his direct replacement.’

– Pfc. Jonathan D. Hale

About his friend, a fallen Marine

can contribute something. I know his father’s proud of him too,” said Lynn, who writes her son daily to say how much she misses him. Initially, she had told him there were plenty of other people to join the military, and he didn’t have to take the responsibility upon himself.

As a very religious Christian, Hale believes his friend is protecting him through his time during recruit training in San Diego.

“Right before I got out here, my grandfather died,” said Hale. “So it’s kind of like I’ve got two angels looking out for me.”

Hale said he doesn’t think of his friend much during training, but during an injury in his first few weeks of training, his purpose for joining the Marine Corps was a major focus.

“I was in an incredible amount of pain, and I didn’t think I was going to be able to make it. He’s watching over me and taking care of me — making sure I make it through this,” said Hale about Trovillion.

Hale originally joined the Marine Corps under the same military occupational specialty as Trovillion, but he felt he would be better suited in a field in which he had more experience.

“Originally my MOS was 0300 Infantry. However, after a few months of thinking about how I would be most beneficial to the Marine Corps, my MOS was changed to communication command and control,” said Hale.

As his Marine Corps career progresses, Hale is ready to do what he set out to do.

“Put me wherever I am needed. I’m not here for me,” said Hale.



KILO COMPANY

These are America’s newest Marines and their leaders at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Company K graduates 389 men today:

THIRD RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION
Commanding Officer
Lt. Col. R. W. Gates
Chaplain
Lt. F. P. Munoz
Sergeant Major
Sgt. Maj. S. B. Mearkle
Battalion Drill Master
Gunnery Sgt. I. T. Ramirez

COMPANY K
Commanding Officer
Capt. M. P. Zummo
Company First Sergeant
1st Sgt. A. H. Bahney
Company Corpsman
Petty Officer 3rd Class J. N. Picklesimer

SERIES 3053
Series Commander
Capt. C. J. Algarin
Series Gunnery Sergeant
Gunnery Sgt. P. F. Agan

SERIES 3057
Series Commander
Capt. M. T. Schnakenberg
Series Gunnery Sergeant
Gunnery Sgt. D. R. Kazmar

PLATOON 3053
Senior Drill Instructor
Gunnery Sgt. L. M. Carrasco
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. D. Luna
Gunnery Sgt. G. Castillo
Staff Sgt. P. A. Botello

Pvt. M. J. Aguilar
Pfc. A. M. Allbritton
Pfc. T. E. Allen II
Pfc. A. J. Anderson
Pvt. M. S. Ball
Pvt. S. C. Berger
Pvt. D. E. Blakeney
Pvt. T. Booth
Pvt. D. A. Botello
*Pfc. B. E. Bradley
*Pfc. K. A. Branch
Pvt. C. E. Briceken
Pvt. J. R. Brown
Pvt. J. H. Charles
Pfc. J. D. Crutcher
Pfc. R. T. Cunningham
Pvt. S. L. Dargewich
Pfc. B. C. Davis
Pvt. J. H. Davis
Pvt. A. S. Delarosa
Pvt. J. A. Dell
Pfc. J. R. De Peralta
Pvt. J. H. Dickson
Pfc. B. C. Duncan
Pvt. M. E. Dominguez
Pfc. F. T. Felix
Pvt. J. A. Flores
Pvt. M. A. Ganceres
Pvt. P. A. Goddard
Pvt. J. T. Gray

Pvt. C. W. Greiner
Pfc. S. C. Grimsley
Pfc. C. T. Hall
Pvt. B. C. Hand
Pvt. D. Hanzel
Pvt. K. W. Heustis
Pvt. D. P. Hollinrake
*Pfc. L. G. Hudick
Pfc. M. A. Ibarra
Pvt. D. P. John
Pvt. K. L. Johnson
Pfc. T. J. Joines
Pvt. K. M. Koenek
Pfc. C. W. Kristynik
*Pfc. K. J. Layman
Pvt. D. L. Lee
Pvt. S. Lee
Pvt. K. D. Linenberger
Pvt. M. T. Long
Pvt. A. Maradiago
Pvt. D. G. Marks
Pvt. J. L. Martin
Pvt. M. A. Martinez
Pvt. R. J. Mason
*Pfc. S. Medina
Pvt. J. E. Medrano
Pfc. R. L. Mestas
Pvt. F. T. Ourada
Pvt. M. R. Perry
Pvt. J. A. Reyes
Pvt. J. A. Rodriguez
Pfc. R. J. Sanchez
Pvt. M. A. Sizemore
Pvt. J. A. Vasquez
Pfc. J. G. Villafra

PLATOON 3054
Senior Drill Instructor
Gunnery Sgt. S. L. Worth
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. M. A. Dorsey
Staff Sgt. D. Perezlopez
Gunnery Sgt. J. W. Johnson

*Pfc. J. C. Abbott
Pfc. S. D. Accardo
Pvt. A. J. Alderman
Pvt. B. K. Anderson
Pvt. A. T. Armitage
Pvt. M. M. Arnold
Pvt. A. M. Attebury
Pvt. C. C. Blanchard
Pvt. B. D. Boyd
Pvt. J. L. Bravo
Pfc. J. P. Brook
Pvt. D. L. Bruce
Pvt. R. L. Brunow
Pvt. L. M. Burma
Pvt. J. A. Cantu
Pvt. P. Cantugonzales
Pvt. M. J. Carhart
Pvt. J. H. Clausen
*Pfc. N. R. Clements
Pfc. B. Corona
Pfc. M. Cortes
Pvt. A. A. Cortez
*Pfc. I. Depriest
Pvt. C. S. Dodge
Pvt. N. A. Donaldson
Pvt. J. R. Doriko
Pfc. J. J. Dotts
Pvt. C. M. Jakob
Pvt. S. K. Earley
Pvt. N. A. Engman
Pfc. T. M. Erickson
Pvt. A. Espino
Pvt. J. T. Gray

Pvt. K. R. Fletcher
Pvt. I. Garcia
Pfc. J. B. Gayner-Larson
Pvt. J. D. Gennuso
Pvt. J. E. Gerdeman
Pvt. D. J. Goodenough
Pfc. K. B. Griffin
Pvt. E. Guzman
Pfc. J. D. Hale
Pvt. W. P. Hall
Pvt. M. W. Hartman
Pvt. A. P. Hatch
Pvt. M. T. Herbst
Pvt. B. R. Hood
Pvt. J. M. Hunt
*Pfc. J. L. Johns
Pfc. A. P. Jones
Pfc. A. S. Klibowitz
Pvt. D. J. Lamont
*Pfc. C. L. Langland
Pfc. R. Larsen
Pvt. S. M. Littlefield
Pvt. M. D. Lucas
Pvt. J. A. Medrano
Pfc. T. Pough
Pvt. B. Ramirez III
Pvt. C. R. Ray
Pvt. D. Wigglesworth

PLATOON 3055
Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. I. G. Bamba
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. D. W. Falley
Sgt. J. S. Harbison

Pvt. N. J. Ackerman
Pvt. J. B. Blake
Pvt. B. J. Bradley
Pvt. B. D. Burnside III
Pvt. A. M. Burnside
Pvt. H. R. Carbajal Sanchez
Pvt. P. R. Carhart
Pvt. E. J. Cervantes
Pvt. E. Chavez
Pvt. C. M. Christensen
Pvt. T. A. Cichosz
Pvt. A. F. Clemena
Pvt. G. L. Cortez III
Pvt. R. R. Cross III
Pvt. M. R. Dart
Pvt. C. M. Delacazar
Pvt. D. L. Dennis
Pvt. G. Diaz
Pvt. N. L. Ducinni
Pvt. M. A. Duran
Pvt. J. E. Fager
Pfc. J. L. Fields
Pfc. T. F. Fisher
Pfc. N. R. Fresenius
Pvt. M. M. Galvan
Pvt. M. E. Gerdin
Pvt. C. Gonzalez
Pvt. N. L. Harries
Pfc. J. M. Harvey
Pvt. J. W. Henry
Pvt. B. E. Hoekstra
Pfc. B. J. Hutchins
Pvt. J. Delatorre
Pvt. G. H. Horsfield
Pvt. J. W. Huckeba
Pvt. J. S. Jury
Pfc. A. M. Kent
*Pfc. G. S. King II

Pvt. T. C. King
*Pfc. K. B. Kruse
Pvt. H. P. Lacanilao
Pvt. D. A. Lannon
Pvt. J. R. Llausas
Pvt. N. A. Marroquin
Pvt. B. T. Nelson
*Pfc. F. Nelson
Pvt. J. A. O’Brien
Pvt. M. R. Painter
Pfc. M. A. Parks
Pvt. D. J. Pezze
Pfc. T. G. Phillips
Pvt. Z. S. Reising
Pvt. A. Reveles
Pvt. R. Rhee
Pvt. N. C. Ripley
Pvt. K. G. Roberts
*Pfc. J. S. Robinson
Pfc. D. Rodriguez Jr.
Pfc. M. Y. Rubio
Pvt. C. T. Saechao
Pvt. A. A. Salas
Pvt. T. Sengdao
Pvt. B. L. Spears
Pfc. M. J. Tracey
*Pfc. R. P. Van Ostrand
Pvt. C. J. Walker
Pvt. R. J. Wood

PLATOON 3057
Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. W. C. O’Connor
Drill Instructors
Sgt. D. A. Lopez
Pvt. N. Gibbons
Pvt. S. A. Martin
Pvt. S. Martinez
Pfc. J. C. McGinnis
Pvt. M. A. Miramontes
Pvt. B. P. Molinari
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Pvt. C. L. Perrone
Pvt. C. J. Phillips
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Pfc. N. V. Rowland
Pvt. A. Salinas
Pvt. A. Soto
Pvt. S. S. Schultz
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Staff Sgt. M. R. Naranjo
Staff Sgt. P. D. Tallman
Sgt. G. Guzman

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Pvt. J. Belmaraz
Pvt. C. R. Contreras
Pfc. J. S. Coons
Pfc. L. Tso
Pfc. J. O. Duran
Pvt. J. C. Elenich
Pvt. A. C. Emiliano
Pvt. D. P. Forrest
Pvt. C. Fritz



Lt. Col. Robert W. Gates, commanding officer, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, inspects Company K Tuesday to make sure the men have proper uniforms. *Pvt. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*

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Pfc. D. J. Fulford
*Pfc. R. Garcia
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*Pfc. J. N. Werblak
Pvt. A. J. Wiemann
Pvt. C. Wilkinson
Pvt. J. S. Withrow
Pvt. J. A. Wood
Pvt. S. M. York
Pvt. J. W. Young
Pfc. T. A. Zackary
Pfc. T. R. Zapanta
Pfc. C. M. Zazueta
Pfc. J. L. Zimmerman

PLATOON 3059
Senior Drill Instructor
Sgt. J. D. Huette
Drill Instructors
Sgt. H. P. Lacanilao
Sgt. A. A. Palacios
Sgt. D. W. Livings

Pvt. J. C. Aleman
Pvt. P. A. Ayala
Pvt. G. A. Frost
Pfc. J. C. Gonzalez
Pfc. R. D. Hess
Pvt. M. Jimenez
*Pfc. L. M. Litchfield
Pvt. J. E. Montoya
Pvt. J. J. Moore
Pvt. B. B. Morel
Pvt. W. D. Nanninga
Pvt. T. L. Newbanks
Pvt. E. Olague-Dorado
Pvt. R. A. Still
Pvt. M. A. Strudas
Pfc. C. C. Sudler
Pvt. N. T. Tapp
Pfc. S. A. Teruya
Pfc. M. Tom
Pfc. L. Tso
Pfc. J. Vaughn
Pvt. D. J. Vaver
Pvt. C. J. Villas
Pfc. R. Vicciana
Pvt. M. S. Welch

Pvt. D. H. Reynolds
Pvt. M. P. Rice
Pvt. Z. E. Rinehart
Pvt. J. R. Rodriguez
Pvt. R. B. Roeder
Pfc. D. D. Rohling
Pfc. J. H. Romanetto
Pfc. J. H. Rupard
Pvt. M. H. Salinas
Pvt. J. M. San Miguel
*Pfc. J. W. Schleiter
Pvt. A. K. Schoellman
Pfc. C. R. Sharrer
*Pfc. K. W. Silvas
Pvt. C. L. Stemp
Pvt. R. E. Smith
Pvt. E. W. Solomon
Pvt. A. E. Soto
Pvt. J. T. Sta. Ana
Pvt. M. A. Stanbrough
Pvt. C. A. Story
Pvt. J. N. Swangstu
Pvt. C. D. Thomas
Pfc. J. D. Thomas
Pvt. J. R. Tolliver
Pvt. S. Tran
Pvt. C. A. Tripodi
Pvt. J. H. Tubb
Pvt. A. G. Vanallsburg
Pfc. J. L. Vela
Pvt. M. A. Vianes
Pvt. B. D. Ward
Pfc. S. N. Wells
Pfc. A. D. Williams
Pvt. B. M. Willingham
Pvt. D. B. Wiseman
Pvt. C. L. Young
Pvt. J. F. Zuniga

**Meritorious promotion*

Drill instructor’s brother in blood becomes a literal brother in arms

BY SGT. ASHLEY UNFRIED
Chevron Staff

Two brothers have more in common than blood today as Company K graduates.

Pvt. Harjay Lacanilao was welcomed to recruit training by his older brother, Sgt. Harvey Lacanilao, a drill instructor in his company.

When Harvey graduated from boot camp in 1999, Harjay had no aspirations to join the armed forces.

After his graduation from Pacific High School in 2004, Harjay attended San Bernardino Community College and worked for Sears. His goal was to be a professional singer.

On Jan. 17, 2005, Harjay attended his big brother’s Drill Instructor School graduation. From the stories Harvey told Harjay about his first cycle on the drill field, Harjay began to see things differently.

“I wanted to be in an elite team. I wanted the pride of the uniform, and I also wanted the stability,” Harjay said.

He chose to make this big decision for his future because he wanted a good life. He wanted a life like his brother’s.

Aside from Harvey’s stories, the only other knowledge of boot camp Harjay had was the mental aspect.

“It’s weird how I can’t talk to him since we were so close,” said Harjay.

Coming here able to do two pull-

ups and 79 to 80 crunches, Harjay now does 12-15 pull-ups and more than 100 crunches.

“I didn’t want to embarrass him,” said Harjay when asked about the physical aspect of training.

Other Co. K drill instructors knew of the Lacanilao brothers, but it had no effect on Harjay’s training.

“It didn’t matter that his brother was a Marine,” said drill instructor Sgt. Carlos Weiss, Platoon 3055, Co. K. “(Harjay) was treated as any other recruit.”

Though they saw each other almost every day, there was little interaction between the brothers. Harvey did have the opportunity to inspect Harjay’s uniform however, and he would ask

his brother’s drill instructors about his progress in training.

When the company traveled to Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Harvey noticed Harjay was favoring his ankle. He told Harjay’s drill instructors to make sure his little brother was all right.

Having made it through boot camp, Harjay is looking forward to life in the Marine Corps as a supply Marine. Ultimately though, he said he would like to become a drill instructor.

“Now I do want to be like my brother,” he said. “I ended up being in the elite forces of America, and I’m proud of it.”

Retired Capt. G. “Peepsight” Pendas

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Capt. G. “Peepsight” Pendas enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1947 and attended boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. Following boot camp, he was assigned to the USS Coral Sea and was subsequently sent to the Brooklyn Navy Yard, N.Y., where he reenlisted for duty in Korea with the 1st Marine Division.

Pendas landed in Inchon, Korea, with Company G, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines and served as a scout sniper, squad leader and platoon guide. He participated and was wounded in the battle for Seoul. During the Chosin Campaign, he was a member of Task Force Drysdale, with the 41 Commando Royal Marines from Koto-

Ri to Hagaru-Ri and was again wounded and air evacuated on Dec. 2, 1950.

After Korea, he was assigned to drill instructor duty at MCRD Parris Island. Following drill instructor duty, he served with Co. D, 2nd Bn., 6th Marines, followed by duty with the 9th Marines and 3rd Marines in Japan. Next, he was assigned to Quantico’s Enlisted Instructor Co. at The Basic School, Va. He was later assigned to embassy duty as noncommissioned officer-in-charge in La Paz, Bolivia and Managua, Nicaragua.

After embassy duty, he served as an instructor to the 2nd Marine Division NCO Leadership School and as enlisted instructor, NROTC, University of Pennsylvania, where in his spare time, he earned a degree before returning back to the 1st Marine Division with 1st Bn., 5th Marines.

Subsequently commissioned in Vietnam with the 5th Marines, he was assigned to 1st Bn., 7th Marines. He served in combat with every infantry regiment in the Division.

Following Vietnam, Pendas reported to Marine Corps Base Quantico as a pistol range officer-in-charge, and he finished his Marine Corps career at Albany, N.Y., as an inspector and instructor staff member.

His personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with Combat “V” with one gold star, the Purple Heart with one gold star and the Good Conduct Medal with a silver star.

Since retirement, he held several positions to include operations manager of a large area high school, and later he was the superintendent of buildings, grounds and public transportation at the city school district. He later worked



for and retired from the U.S. Postal Service. Pendas is currently serving as the president of the 1st Marine Division Association.



Service Company’s Cpl. Sean M. Bzdon spikes the ball against Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team. Service Co. won the first game in the match 25-12. *Pvt. Charlie Chavez/Chevron photos*



Service Company’s Cpl. Lynden D. Gwartney serves to Coast Guard MSST.

SERVED

Service Company closer to cup, wins division

BY PVT. CHARLIE CHAVEZ
Chevron staff

The depot’s Commanding General’s Cup volleyball season continued with Service Company seizing first place in the gold division at the Field House Tuesday.

Opening the day, Service Company faced off against the equally-ranked Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team with a record of three wins and one loss.

The first match proved to be one-sided with Service Company players scoring aces on their serves and communicating well to set up teammates. Service Co. won 25-12.

“It’s all about knowing how to play like a team,” said Cpl. Lynden D. Gwartney, Service Co. “It doesn’t matter how much talent you have on your team, but that those players bring their entire team to a higher level, and that’s how we play.”



In the second match, Service Co. players found more of a challenge with MSST keeping the score close until near the end when Service Co. pulled away and won 25-19.

“Everyone did extremely good and gave there all to get here,” said Cpl. Michelle C. Swain, Service Co. “We have some returnees and some new people, but the new guys are definitely stepping up.”

Service Co. won its second match against dental by forfeit and anticipates the playoffs next week.

“It will be us against (Pacific Area Tactical Law Enforcement Team) in the championship,” said Cpl. Sean M. Bzdon, Service Co player.

The CG’s Cup volleyball playoffs are scheduled for Tuesday.